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REPORTS

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OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

"STATE AID" COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF ANDOVER,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1867.

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REPORTS.

*Report of Nathan Woodbury, Treasurer from Feb. 20, 1866,
to March 18, 1866.*

1866.

Feb. 20.	Cash in Treasury,	\$908 58
March 1.	Received of John S. Tucker,	1 50
" "	" John Fellows, Collector,	15 00
" "	" Alfred Davis, Collector,	125 00
		————\$1050.08

Which is accounted for as follows :

Bills paid after settlement, shown by receipts,	227 76
Balance of money on hand, March 19, 1866,	822 32
	————\$1050.08

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Cash Received :

Whole amount of taxes committed to Collector for
1866, \$5938.21

The Collector has discharged himself as follows :

Cash paid Town Treasurer,	\$1977 11
in abatements,	71 76
Non-resident receipts,	3 25
State tax,	2662 50
County tax,	1085 38
Amount due from Collector,	138 21
	————\$5938.21

March 19.	Received of Nathan Woodbury, Jr.,	
	Treasurer for 1865,	\$822 32
" 24.	Alfred Davis, Collector,	100 00
April 3.	John Fellows, Collector 1864,	510 00
" 21.	James Bailey,	1000 00
June 21.	Alfred Davis, Collector,	100 00
July 28.	" " "	200 00

Oct.	23.	Received of Alfred Davis, Colliector,	200 00
	21.	Railroad tax,	1012 22
"	"	Literary money,	45 00
"	"	State aid,	432 42
"	"	Savings Bank tax,	126 59
"	"	Back bounty,	15 00
Jan.	12, 1867.	Alfred Davis, Collector,	100 00
"	28.	Ruth Sleeper,	330 00
"	"	Caleb S. Colby,	90 00
Feb.	8.	Alfred Davis, Collector,	350 00
"	13.	County, support of paupers,	442 54
"	20.	Alfred Davis, Collector 1865,	54 16
"	"	" " abatements 1865,	14 12
"	"	Alfred Davis, by note,	500 00
"	"	" " abatements,	71 76
"	"	Non-resident's receipts,	3 25
"	"	Alfred Davis, Collector,	1027 11
"	"	Isaiah Phelps,	755 36
"	"	Andrew C. Thompson,	200 00
"	"	John Feltus, Collec'r 1864,	425 00
"	"	" " abatements "	81 69
"	"	Alfred Davis, Warden,	38 05
"	"	" " town of Hill,	3 12
Amount received,			<hr/> \$9049 71

Current Expenses.

March	26.	Paid B. W. Sanborn, books & stationery,	\$4 60
	27.	Albert Little, cost S. P. Brown case,	44 46
April.		Jonathan P. Sanborn,	6 39
June.		S. S. Moulton, watering place,	3 00
Dec.	3.	S. B. Little, insuring town property,	7 40
		D. L. Guernsey & Co., checklist, etc.	1 25
Feb.	20.	J. W. Keniston, Town Clerk's fees,	10 72
		W. A. Bachelder, supt. school com.,	35 00
		H. M. Bosworth, services as clerk after settlement,	11 99
		Clark Durgin, Treasurer's fees,	20 00
		Telegraphing to Concord, Canaan and Manchester,	2 33
		Abatement of taxes for 1865,	14 12
		" " 1866,	71 76
		Non-resident receipts,	3 25

Feb. 20.	Paid Board bill while taking inventory,	5 28
	Clark Durgin, board bill making taxes,	16 50
	S. S. Moulton, board taking depositions,	4 50
	Royal Stone, abatement on dog,	1 00
	John Fellows, by abatement,	81 69
March 29.	James Scales, horse hire to Franklin to settle lawsuit S. P. Brown vs. town of Andover,	3 00
	Dinner S. P. Brown at J. L. Coffin's,	50
	Horse-keeping and 2 meals at O. B. Davis',	1 25
	copying petition of L. Morey,	50
	for 2 dinners at J. W. Cilley's,	1 00
	Daniel Davis, to get papers in Rapsie B. Chase pauper case,	50
	postage stamps and paper,	93
	26 day's labor,	39 00
	horse hire to Salisbury, Mrs. Dolby, pauper sickness,	1 00
	to East Andover to regulate jury box,	50
1865.	Clark Durgin, for 14 day's services as selectman, from Feb. 19 to March 10, 1866,	21 00
Feb. 26.	for car fare to Concord and board, to settle with county commissioners,	3 10
28.	for car fare to Concord, on road mat- ters at West Andover,	2 10
	board at Concord,	1 00
29.	horse and sleigh to Franklin, to see Barnard on Samuel Brown case,	75
March 3.	fare to Concord on road case,	2 10
	board at Concord,	50
9.	car fare to Concord on road case,	2 10
	board at Concord,	1 00
March 29, 1866.	Clark Durgin, for car fare to Concord, to get stationery and books,	2 10
	for board at Concord,	1 00
July.	horse hire to Salisbury three times to see C. Glines,	2 25
Nov. 28.	car fare to Concord to get Railroad money,	2 10
	board at Concord,	50
Dec. 24.	car fare to Concord to settle with State Treasurer,	2 10

Dec. 31.	Paid car fare and horse hire to Hanover, to settle with Horace Morey,	5 75
Feb. 1.	board at Concord, to get county money,	1 75
	thirty days' services as selectman for the year 1866, at \$1.50 per day,	45 00
	H. S. Clay, 24 1-2 days' labor,	36 75
	car fare to Concord and board bill,	3 10
	horse hire to West Andover and Wilmot,	2 25
	Daniel Davis, horse hire in pauper case of Rapsie Chase,	2 00
	Ben Howe, for dinner,	40
	McIntire, horse hire from Canaan to Dorchester,	1 50
	McIntire, for board,	1 00
	car fare to Canaan and return,	2 25
	S. A. Follansbee, for board and horse-keeping,	1 00
	C. W. Cole, horse hire to Weare, Warner and Sutton, Rapsie Chase, residence,	3 50
	board bill for same,	3 25
	board bill at Concord,	1 00
	twelve meals, settlement,	3 00
	moving R. Chase, to town farm,	1 00
	revenue and postage stamps,	1 86
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		\$553 48

State and County Taxes.

Paid State Tax,	\$2662 50
County Tax,	1085 38
Alfred Davis, warden,	300 00
Alfred Davis, collector,	50 00

Lawyer's Fees as per Bill.

TOWN OF ANDOVER, TO JOHN M. SHIRLEY,	Dr.
1864. April Term. To drawing up papers in town v. Merrimack county,	\$3 00
Term fee, in same,	6 00
Postage on seven briefs to court and Concord,	42
Drawing up the same,	7 00

Law Term, June.	Term fee in same,	10 00
Dec. 5, 1864 & 5.	<i>al. ex.</i> in the Thompson case,	17
Oct. and Jan.	Term fee in Andover v. Merrimack county,	8 00
Dec. and March.	Term fee in same,	15 00
1865, March 6.	Briefs and copies to the Judges in same case,	5 00
April Term.	Term fee in same,	8 00
Law Term, June.	" " "	15 00
Oct. Term.	" " "	8 00
Dec. Law Term.	" " "	15 00
1866, Feb. 1.	cash paid L. I. Brooks for search- ing records at Newport in this case,	5 00
Aug. Law Term.	services in same case,	15 00
	cash paid car fare and hotel bills, and for time spent in hunting up authorities, making other briefs, examination of records and postage,	25 00
March 24.	cash for H. A. Fletcher, his bill,	3 00
April Term.	Term fee in same case,	8 00
	cash for officer's fee in Geo. W. Thompson case,	4 04
Two cent stamp.		<hr/> \$160 63
	Deduct from above,	37 25
	Received payment,	<hr/> \$123 38
	JOHN M. SHIRLEY.	

Extra County Paupers.

Paid C. W. Cole, for James Davis, boots and pants,	\$8.01
Ruth Gordon, for support of Judith Adams,	26.00
J. P. Bancroft, for support of William Annis,	201.39
H. A. Weymouth, for medical attendance on Mr. Rulo,	8.52
J. W. Kinniston, goods for Mr. Rulo,	11.98
Buswell & Philbrick, goods for Miss Chase,	.64
H. A. Weymouth, medical attendance for Benja- min Tucker,	37.07
H. S. Clay, goods for Rulo,	2.62

Paid Alfred Davis, Warden, for support of County paupers,	48.40
H. A. Weymouth, attending John Stevens,	42.79
Alonzo S. Greeley, for support of B. Tucker,	53.00
W. S. Marston, for goods for Romane Smith,	6.88
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	\$447.30

Extra Town Paupers.

Paid Hannah West, for the support of I. W. West up to Jan. 13, 1867,	\$88.00
Jonathan Roberts,	8.00
Charles Huntoon, Jr., for support of Charles Huntoon and wife to Jan. 13, 1867,	35.50
L. A. Follansbee, for support of E. K. Sargent to Jan. 1, 1867,	30.00
C. W. Cole, for J. Bartlett, 1 bbl. flour,	13.00
Gookings & Dunlap, goods for Charles Glines,	1.94
Charles Glines,	14.00
Town of Salisbury, goods for Mrs. Dolby,	5.30
Dr. Sleeper, do., do.,	13.00
R. G. Burleigh, 1 pr. boots for J. Bartlett,	4.75
H. A. Weymouth, attending Mrs. J. Seavey,	20.42
J. D. Philbrick, for services after doctor for Mrs. Seavey,	.75
G. H. Towle, for medical attendance on Charles Glines,	18.75
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	\$262.41

1866.

Extra Highway.

March 27.	Paid Jonathan Trumbull, for work on road,	\$6.00
April 24.	Samuel P. Brown, " "	50.00
" "	Sanborn Shaw, " "	.50
June 20.	Jeremiah Tucker, " "	20.00
Aug.	David Hames, " "	5.10
Nov. 25.	Green Greeley, " "	4.45
" 28.	James L. Keniston, work on bridge,	35.12
" "	Jonathan Trumbull, " "	23.25
" "	Elisha C. Keniston, " "	7.63
Jan. 23.	Jedediah Brown, for plank,	36.13
Feb. 16.	Peter Jones, bridge timber,	2.67
" 20.	George W. Mitchell, work on bridge,	9.75
" 20.	Gilbert S. Tucker, " "	12.00

Feb.	20.	Paid David Merrill, work on bridge,	3.25
"	"	Jonathan Trumbull, work on road,	3.00
"	"	Jedediah Brown, land damage for new highway,	10.00
"	"	Rufus Davis, work on bridge,	13.50
"	"	Samuel Morrill, " "	5.00
"	"	John K. Woodward, timber,	1.00
"	"	John Proctor, use of derrick on bridge,	7.50
"	"	John S. Tucker, work on bridge,	18.00
"	"	Benjamin Stewart, repairing bridge,	1.75
"	"	Eliphalet Shore, breaking road,	5.00
"	"	W. A. Batchelder, culvert stones,	3.50
"	"	Henry W. Kilburn, breaking roads,	8.52
"	"	H. S. Clay, breaking back road,	5.00
"	"	Horace Morey, damage on highway,	15.00
"	"	Frank E. Chase, damage on wagon,	10.00
"	"	J. G. D. Tucker, work on highway,	.75
"	"	Nathan Durgin, " "	.75
"	"	Green Greeley, breaking roads,	23.85
"	"	Jonathan Trumbull " "	13.00
"	"	" " bridge timber,	2.00
"	"	W. S. Marston, for bridge plank,	10.28
"	"	John Fellows, damage to horse on bad road, winter of 1865,	25.00

\$398.25

Paid School Districts.

Dist. No.	1.	Samuel Morrill,	\$30.38
	2.	" "	66.07
	3.	John E. Babbitt,	78.18
	4.	Abel W. Baker,	125.43
	5.	Royal F. Eastman,	85.01
	6.	George H. Pribble,	41.58
	7.	William A. Batchelder,	105.83
	8.	William H. Cilley,	60.62
	9.	Andrew C. Thompson,	49.77
	10.	Joseph Brown,	158.20
	11.	A. S. Edmonds,	30.54
	12.	Ebenezer Bennett,	46.68
	13.	S. W. Sargent,	46.74
	15.	Ebenezer Bennett,	10.94

\$935.97

Due District No. 14, \$2.96.

Notes Paid.

Paid William Annis note,	\$164.40
Thomas P. Thompson (this note was given for State aid, heretofore unknown, by the Select- men),	267.52
William Dyer note,	506.85
William S. Marston note,	510.08
Sherman A. Davis note,	113.01
John Pevere note,	153.08
William N. Sanborn note,	109.80
John Fellows note,	230.28
for office fee on John Fellows note,	1.00
John Fellows note,	228.49
for cost on John Fellows note,	11.91
Joanna Shirley note,	173.97
Betsey Brown note,	159.28
interest on Watson Dickerson note,	550.83
Seward Dow note,	855.36
William N. Sanborn, interest on note,	16.80
James Bailey note,	119.42
Alfred Davis, two notes,	434.13
Moses Fuller note,	321.46
Caleb S. Colby note,	90.42
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	\$5,018.09

 RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received by Selectmen for the year
ending Feb. 20, 1867 :

Cash received, \$12,797.59

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid current expenses,	\$553.48
State tax,	2,662.50
County tax,	1,085.38
Warden's services,	300.00
Collector,	60.00
lawyer's fees,	123.38
extra pauper, County,	447.30
extra town pauper,	262.41

Paid extra highway,	398.25
school district,	935.97
outstanding debts,	5,018.09
Cash in treasury,	950.83
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	\$12,797.59

1867. Feb. 20. *Debts against the Town including Interest.*

Due E. G. Graves,	\$1,804.11
W. B. Emery, for William Brown,	581.01
Watson Dickerson,	2,204.63
Lowell Brown (by mistake not reported last year),	780.20
Abby Stone,	1,921.29
Samuel Sweatt,	173.76
Jonathan French,	318.00
Hiram Cross,	394.54
Daniel Piper,	562.92
Aaron Cilley,	168.81
E. C. Kenniston,	203.17
Hannah R. Fellows,	328.11
John Shaw,	115.56
Friend Bailey, Jr.,	115.56
E. C. Kenniston,	115.56
Dorothy Farnum,	115.56
Meriam Durgin,	115.50
E. G. Chase,	194.04
John Fellows,	577.42
Joseph Osgood,	577.42
Jacob Weare,	172.02
W. A. Bachelder,	288.70
Susan Smith,	289.08
John Shaw,	343.53
Josiah W. Emery,	227.88
Isaiah Phelps,	755.36
Alonzo B. Thompson,	141.83
John Fellows,	1241.95
William D. Woodbury,	113.59
Andrew C. Thompson,	112.40
Andrew C. Thompson,	210.20
Elizabeth H. Davis,	157.67
Elizabeth H. Davis,	100.13

Due John Shaw,	120.71
James Bailey,	101.15
James Bailey,	1049.84
Samuel W. Sargent,	442.71
Green Greeley,	108.46
Silas C. Fifield,	323.83
William N. Sanborn,	280.66
Jane Mitchell,	191.37
Lydia Brown,	168.44
E. G. Emery,	1035.25
Jonathan Emery,	1124.59
Abby Lovrin,	65.46
Alfred Davis,	500.00
Ruth Sleeper,	331.01
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	\$21,364.99

Availabilities.

Due from John Wadleigh, on note,	\$66.69
G. M. Stevens, Collector for 1863,	5.62
John Fellows, do., do., 1864,	132.70
Alfred Davis, do., do., 1865,	6.72
do., do., do., do., 1866,	138.21
county (Rapsie B. Chase),	3.64
do. (Romane Smith),	6.88
Hiram F. French, aid agent, as shown by Au-	
ditor's Report, 1866,	142.59
Cash in Treasury,	950.83
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	\$1,453.88
Indebtedness of town as reported February 20th,	
1866,	\$20,940.79
Lowell Brown's note (left out by mistake last year,)	736.04
Thomas P. Thompson's note, given by State aid	
agent, heretofore unknown by Selectmen,	265.13
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Actual indebtedness of town, Feb. 20, 1866,	\$21,941.96
Availabilities, Feb. 20, 1866,	2,440.34
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Actual liabilities over and above the availabilities,	
Feb. 20, 1866,	\$19,501.62

Liabilities of town, Feb. 20, 1867,	\$21,364.99
Availabilities, Feb. 20, 1867,	1,453.88
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Actual liability of Town, Feb. 20, 1867,	\$19,911.11

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SCALES,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CLARK DURGIN,	
H. S. CLAY,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Andover.</i>

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find the same correctly kept and properly vouched,

C. W. COLE, *Auditor.*

ANDOVER, Feb. 27, 1867.

Amount of taxes collected on dogs in 1866,	\$50.00	
Cash in Treasury March 15, 1866,	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$74.00

Damage claimed and allowed done by dogs:

Due Charles E. Currier,	\$4.00	
J. D. Philbrick,	6.00	
Alvah Buzzell,	3.00	
Green Greeley,	2.00	
Daniel Mitchell,	6.00	
Cash in Treasury,	53.00	
	<hr/>	\$74.00

1866. *Pauper Establishment, Dr.*

Feb. 20.	By amount of inventory,	\$1,433.74	
	Warden's wages,	300.00	
	cash on hand,	15.00	
1867.		<hr/>	\$1,748.74

	Brought forward,		1,748.74
Feb. 20.	By amount of inventory,	\$1,793.92	
	cash paid town treasurer,	38.05	
	collecting taxes,	60.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,891.97
	Balance in favor of establishment,		<hr/> \$143.23

ALFRED DAVIS, *Warden.*
 JAMES SCALES, } *Overseers*
 CLARK DURGIN, } *of*
 H. S. CLAY, } *the Poor.*

The money paid out for war purposes, amounting to thirty-three thousand one hundred and forty-eight dollars, was presented to the Auditors appointed by the Governor, and twenty-three thousand two hundred ninety-eight was allowed due the town.

The Selectmen report that they have been unable to settle with Hiram F. French, State Aid Agent for 1865.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Andover, in the discharge of his duty, would respectfully submit this his annual Report, in regard to the condition of the Schools of the town, for the year ending March, 1867:

The amount of money raised by tax the past year for the support of schools was \$738.93. The appropriation from the avails of the Literary Fund and Railroad Tax was \$200: amounting in all to \$938.92. Nothing was raised by the town, or by any district, by taxation, above what the law requires.

The number of scholars reported by the Selectmen in April, was 400. The number of different scholars who have attended our schools two weeks or more is 367. The average attendance, 243. A table accompanying this report will give a statement of other particulars concerning the schools in each district. A statement of the condition of the schools in each district is presented as follows:

KEARSARGE, NO. 1.

The money and scholars of this district were united with District No. 2, for school purposes, in accordance with the vote of each district.

CILLEYVILLE, NO. 2.

The school, during the summer Term, was taught by Miss M. A. Jones, an experienced teacher, who understood and loved the business, giving high promise of a profitable school. I did not visit the school at the close. The teacher in her report says, "The scholars are well classed and there seems to be a laudable spirit of emulation, which always gives interest and enthusiasm to a school."

During the Winter Term Mr. Henry S. Davis and Miss Jennie N. Morrill were the teachers. Mr. Davis was a thorough scholar, well posted in all those branches usually taught in our common schools, but his system of government was not in unison with the ideas of many in the district. He left, of his own freewill and accord, about the middle of the term. The school was finished by Miss Morrill, who had previously taught in the district. At my last visit the school was quiet and orderly, showing evidence of improvement. The scholars and talent are here, and when the district see fit to put the entire management of the school into the hands of the right teacher, for a succession of terms, it may stand as high as any in town in scholarship and behavior.

WEST ANDOVER, NO. 3.

The school during the Summer Term, was kept by Katie C. Thompson, who well sustains her former reputation as an efficient and successful

teacher. The school was well governed, judiciously classed, and made good improvement.

The teacher for the Winter Term was Nancy E. Buzzell. This teacher is ambitious and thoroughly devoted to her work. With such a teacher, and scholars fully sustaining the high reputation of the past, there was no disappointment in the standing of the school, in order, improvement and high-toned behavior. Seven scholars did not whisper during either term, and as many more only once. Some had perfect lessons for the entire school.

ANDOVER CENTRE, NO. 4.

Miss Mira Andrews taught the school during both Terms. The teacher evidently entered upon her duties with a determination to do her best, and make the school profitable to the scholars and honorable to the district. She patiently toiled through both terms, experiencing the full share of the lights and shades of a teacher's life.

Many of the scholars lack that lively interest and enthusiasm so essential to rapid progress in education. Some did themselves honor by their quiet behavior and studious habits. The teacher says, "I have found the scholars generally well disposed and willing to do anything to oblige their teacher." This, the central district in town, should support a **MODEL** school, equalled by few, excelled by none.

BEECH HILL, NO. 5.

The Summer term was kept by Miss Ellen E. Keniston. This was her first experience as mistress in the school-room. The scholars are mostly small. Order good; progress fair, considering the shortness of the term. This teacher is evidently at home with children, and will win their warmest affections and thus ever manage them easily.

The second term was kept by Miss Susie S. Johnson. This teacher has the faculty to govern, the qualifications to instruct, and the judgment to direct in all matters belonging to the school-room. I was not able to visit the school at the close, on account of the weather. The teacher says, "I have tried my best to create an interest, and to show them the necessity of study. In this I think I have partially succeeded."

TURNPIKE, NO. 6.

The first term of five weeks was kept by Hattie E. Weymouth. The term was too short for either teacher or scholars to do themselves justice. Some very good readers. General improvement as much as could be expected in so short a term.

The second term was kept by Miss Nancy E. Buzzell. The school was properly governed and showed commendable improvement.

TAUNTON HILL, NO. 7.

The Summer school was taught by Jennie L. Morrison. This school was last year reported as demoralized and disorderly. This teacher corrected all this, and kept a school with quiet order, and system, as good as the best. Each scholar learned to obey. All made good progress, and some made extraordinary improvement, proving that the school hours had not been spent in idleness or play.

The Winter school was kept by Eliza H. Merrill. Thrice fortunate is that school which has Miss Merrill for teacher. With a natural gift for teaching, and an ardent love for it, for its own sake, joined with noble

powers of mind, cultivated by close study and much application, her equal is rarely found in this community. It is enough to say that the school was very pleasant to the teacher, extremely profitable to the scholars, and perfectly satisfactory to the entire district. The teacher in her report says, "The freedom which the parents have allowed me in managing all matters pertaining to the school, and the docility and general intelligence of the children, have given increased pleasure to the performance of duties that I have never, in any case, found irksome."

BOSTON HILL, NO. 8.

First term kept by Nancy E. Buzzell. This was her first school, but it was a decided success. Discipline good. Advancement all that could be reasonably expected in so short a term. The report says, "Twelve did not whisper for the term."

Second term kept by Miss M. E. Marston. Here are found a few excellent scholars, and there was manifested a commendable ambition in all to do well. The recitations showed that the scholars understood what they had been over, and that they would be able to make a practical use of the knowledge obtained.

FLAGHOLE, NO. 9.

There has been but one term of school in this district and that was taught by Fannie A. Scribner. This teacher had previously taught the school in this district with good success. She brought the same talents and qualifications into use as heretofore. The scholars made good proficiency in all they undertook. The report says, "The scholars have evinced the same energy and perseverance as in the term previous."

EAST ANDOVER, NO. 10.

Both terms of school were under the instruction of Mary S. Shaw. This is one of the hardest schools in town to manage successfully. The number of scholars is large, some of them not well supplied with text books, many of them irregular in attendance, and every one more or less tardy during the year, the whole number of tardinesses being 543. Let the parents see to it, in the future, that one fourth of the regular school hours are not rendered nearly useless by the entrance of tardy scholars. A teacher would need more than human ability to conduct a school with all desirable improvement while these and other irregularities are uncorrected. This teacher has the faculty of governing a school easily, ever retaining the love of the pupils. The recitations in Book-keeping, Arithmetic and Grammar, were a high honor to the school, as well as the Reading exercise of the first class.

TUCKER MOUNTAIN, NO. 11

Only one term; kept by Nellie M. Edmunds; her first experience in teaching. The smallest school in town. The exercises were all good. The recitation in Colburn's still leads the town. The teacher was energetic, ambitious, and interested in the school.

BACK ROAD, NO. 12.

Both terms were kept by Miss Drucilla Blaisdell. A very profitable school. The teacher worthy and well qualified for her business. Order

good; progress excellent. The teacher and scholars in this school have proved beyond the "shadow of a doubt," that a well managed, profitable term of school may be kept in a poor house, without the conveniences of a teacher's desk, table or stands. The teacher, in her report says, "At the close of twenty five weeks' experience as teacher in this district, during this and the preceding year, I can heartily commend the scholars for obedience, order, punctuality and a manifest desire to improve. The parents have not assisted and encouraged us by their presence as I wished them to do. Only one mother visited the school in all these weeks."

EMERY ROAD, NO. 13.

This school was taught by Mary E. Marston. The people in this district very wisely decided to have but one term of school, and to engage the services of a good, experienced teacher. The presence of Miss Marston in any school-room is always a guarantee of a well-governed and successful school.

CILLEY'S HILL, NO. 15.

No school was kept here, but the money and scholars were transferred to the school in No. 12.

Such is the condition of our schools, as they appear to me, after one year's experience in visiting them. The teachers employed have been competent and efficient, whose talents and qualifications especially fitted them to manage in the particular schools where they were engaged. This should ALWAYS be the case. Those men should be chosen agents to engage teachers, who will look well to the interests of the schools, and employ only such as are well fitted for the business. A poor teacher is always an expensive one, even if he "works for nothing and boards himself." The time of children spent in such a school is not only wasted, but habits are formed which can only be corrected in the FUTURE. In addition to all that can be learned of the sciences from the text books of our schools, and from the accumulated stores of the well qualified teacher, habits of order and obedience, regularity, and punctuality, independence of thought and self reliance, habits of truthfulness and of respect for others' rights and feelings, should be here formed, which shall help make the character of the worthy and useful citizen.

Our schools are suffering more from the indifference and wrong influence of PARENTS upon their children, than from miserable school-houses, improper text-books and incompetent teachers combined.

The good sense and liberality of the people of East Andover, *backed up by stern necessity*, have induced them to repair their school-house and furnish it with modern furniture at a cost of about \$600. When completed, as it is to be previous to the commencement of the next term, it will be a great improvement upon the old one, "swinging" the semicircle from the poorest in town, to the best.

The houses in Nos. 8 and 12 are in a fair condition to be repaired soon.

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